

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6, 17-19 have been amended and claims 2, 5 and 7 canceled. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8-18 still remain pending in this application.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-12 under Section 102

Claims 1, 2, 5, 11 and 12 stand rejected under Section 102 as being anticipated by Neidnig (US 261916).

Claim 7 was indicated as being allowable if re-written to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 7 originally depended on claim 5 which depended on base claim 1. Therefore, the limitations of claims 5 and 7 have been incorporated into claim 1. It is submitted that claim 1 is now allowable over the cited prior art. Moreover, since pending claims 2, 11 and 12 are dependent on now allowable claim 1, Applicant submits these claims are also now allowable over the cited prior art.

In view the foregoing, Neidnig '916 fails to anticipate Applicant's claimed invention, as amended. Therefore, Claims 1, 2, 11 and 12 are patentable over the cited prior art.

II. Rejection of Claims under Section 103

Claims 3-4, 6, 9 and 10 stand rejected under Section 103 based on the citation of Neidnig. Since pending claims 3-4, 6, 9 and 10 are dependent on now allowable claim 1, Applicant submits these claims are also now allowable over the cited prior art.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 7 was indicated as being allowable if re-written. As stated above, the limitations of claim 7 and its intervening claim 5 have been incorporated into base claim 1. Claims 5 and 7 have now been canceled.

Claims 13-19 have been fully allowed. Applicant has noticed that the claim numbering after claim 15 was incorrect in that there was no claim 16. Accordingly, applicant has amended the numbering of claims 17-19 to now be 16-18. The claim

dependency in claim 13 (was claim 19) has been amended to now be on claim 16. Applicant submits that claims 13-18 are now in proper condition for full allowance.

IV. Conclusion

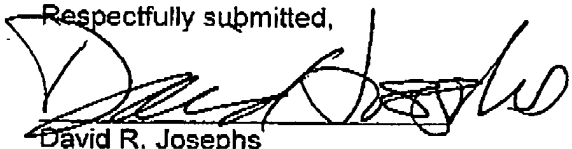
Applicant submits that Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8-18, as amended, are allowable over the cited prior art. In view of the above, Applicants submit that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the Rejections and Objections are requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited.

If an extension of time is required for timely submission of this response, Applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time and the Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account 02-0900 for the appropriate additional fees in connection with the filing of this response.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned should any questions arise.

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